

**State of New York
Offices of the Inspector General**

Chief of Investigations – Western Region

The Offices of the Inspector General (“OIG”) are comprised of three offices, derived from three appointments held by Inspector General Lucy Lang: The Office of the New York State Inspector General (“NYSIG”), as established by Executive Law Article 4-A, which is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that New York State government, its employees, and those who work with the State meet the highest standards of honesty, accountability, and efficiency; The Office of the New York State Welfare Inspector General (“OWIG”), as established by section 74 of the Executive Law, which is responsible for maintaining the integrity of New York State’s public assistance programs; and The Office of the New York State Workers’ Compensation Fraud Inspector General (“WCFIG”), as established by section 136 of the Workers’ Compensation Law, which is responsible for investigating violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of the workers’ compensation system. Additionally, as of June 18, 2021, the duties and responsibilities of the former Office of the Gaming Inspector General were transferred to and encompassed by NYSIG, including the duty to receive and investigate complaints from any source concerning allegations of corruption, fraud, criminal activity, conflicts of interest or abuse in the Gaming Commission. Staff comprising OIG’s Western Region are assigned to locations in Buffalo, Syracuse, and Rochester.

Job Description

The Chief of Investigations for the Western Region, who reports directly to the Deputy Inspector General for the Western Region, is responsible for supervising and managing approximately 7-10 investigators in carrying out OIG’s mission to uncover fraud and abuse in New York State agencies and entities under its jurisdiction. The Chief of Investigations for the Western Region manages all investigative functions within that Regional Office, including planning, coordinating, and monitoring investigations, evaluating and assigning complaints, directing case reviews, providing guidance on investigative strategy, reviewing and approving reports created by investigative staff, and providing appropriate updates to the Regional Deputy Inspector General and executive staff. As it pertains to the activities of the Western Region, the Chief of Investigations serves as the principal liaison to other law enforcement and government entities, is the primary custodian for all law enforcement technology and databases, and ensures proper fleet vehicle management. When needed, and particularly for sensitive investigations, the Chief of Investigations may function in a direct investigative capacity.

Frequent travel between the Western Regional locations is required, in addition to statewide travel, as well as a willingness and availability to work unscheduled hours. The Chief of Investigations serves at the pleasure of the Inspector General. Strict adherence to confidentiality is required.

Minimum Qualifications

For this supervisory position, the ideal candidate has significant law enforcement experience with at least 10 years of background with a major law enforcement agency, at least 5 of which were in a supervisory role. Candidate must have extensive knowledge of New York State criminal law and procedure and New York State government operations. Candidate must be a DCJS-certified police or peace officer. A bachelor's degree is required.

Acceptable candidates must also possess and have demonstrated the following skills: supervising and conducting confidential, sensitive, and internal investigations, particularly in contracts, procurements, and white-collar crime; managing and coordinating multi-disciplinary investigative teams; and conducting large-scale, complex organized criminal enterprise investigations. The ideal candidate should also: be proficient at interacting with high-level counterparts at other law enforcement agencies; display functional knowledge of technical equipment used in law enforcement, as well as adept computer skills (including word processing and spreadsheet proficiency); and have the ability to expertly and creatively explore investigatory resources such as social media, law enforcement databases, electronic and video surveillance, and other forensic-related tools. The ideal candidate possesses sound judgment, strong oral and written communication skills, has a collegial attitude, is a self-starter, works well both independently and in a team setting, and is a highly adept multitasker.

Please note: New York State Residency is Required. Applications from retirees requiring a section 211 waiver will not be considered.

To Apply:

This is a Management Confidential position that is appointed by the Inspector General. This position is approved at a Grade M-4 equivalent and OIG seeks to hire within that grade at a salary range of \$105,000-\$120,000.

Please email resume and cover letter, with the email subject line Job ID #23-0330 "Chief of Investigations – Western Region" to:

jobs@IG.NY.gov

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